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WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

Dear Families

First of all, I would want to express my gratitude to everyone who came to this week's parents' evening. Discussing the development and accomplishment's of children is crucial. Our children's education requires collaboration between our teaching staff and yourselves, so thank you. If any parent's have not met with their child's teacher and would like to please contact the school within the next week.

At school, we place a high value on road safety. One of our children did injure themselves in an incident this week while riding a bicycle without a helmet. We want to steer clear of this as much as possible. We do talk about this with our pupils even if we are unable to enforce road safety ourselves. Therefore, if your child rides a bicycle to school, we strongly advise all parents to make sure they wear a helmet. We want all children to travel to school and on the roads safely.

World Book Day

This Thursday just passed was World Book Day. I want to celebrate how we all came together in assembly and voted on a title for a new book in school that we are making.

We have also secured funding to give every child in key stage 2 an advanced book about the history of Oxford.



Important Dates

20th March - World Frog day
21st March - Red Nose Day
26th March - Mother's Day Teas

Family oracy question - Did anything you learn today surprise you?

HALF EIGHT IS TOO LATE



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CHILD SPENDS ON A
SCREEN IS IMPORTANT**



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All key stage 2 children have been given a book about the history of Oxford. We chose keystage 2 for this as it is a more advanced book. We've also set a competition for the children to make an A4 fact file about Oxford. All students have a chance to enter this competition until the 4th of April.



As a school we came together in our World Book Day assembly to vote on a title of a new book. The chose the title 'The heartless monkey'. We spent the rest of the day working on a blurb and a front cover for the book.



Again, road safety is very important to all of us in school. I have attached a video for the students to watch if they don't feel confident when it comes to crossing the road.





School Garden update



The excitement and enjoyment in the garden this week has been amazing. The cold mornings have sparked an ice hunt around the garden. Looking in all the dishes and pots for ice that sparkles in the sunlight and chills little fingers. We've spotted a frog, sang Happy Birthday to a clew of worms, topped up the bird feeders, drawn pictures on tiles, propagated spider plants and planted a native hedge. A single sunflower has bolding popped out of the soil just a week after planting, but has sensibly kept their hat on (the husk) whilst it's still a bit chilly.



We've had some great news from Cherwell District Council. They are funding our Home Veg Pots activity to coincide with Community Garden Week. After school on Wednesday 2nd April, we invite you all to plant a little pot of veg to continue to grow at home. The event is totally free for you and will demonstrate how simple and magical growing plants can be, with the added bonus of being able to eat them afterwards. Get the date in your diary now! If you have space in your greenhouse or on a windowsill to germinate and grow some of the seeds for this activity, please get in touch with us. We have limited space in the school and need to have space for the School Garden crops as well.



Our amazing volunteers, David and Ted have erected a fruit cage around one of the beds and we are almost ready to plant out our raspberry, gooseberry and blueberry plants. We probably won't get much fruit from them this year but in years to come the children will be able to enjoy picking their own fruit and enjoy eating them fresh.



Our next big activity during school hours is celebrating World Frog Day. On Thursday 20th March we shall be building a frog and toad abode, looking at the lifecycle of a frog and doing frog and toad related crafts. If you would like to volunteer on this day, please speak to the office. Also, if you have any materials that might be useful to make or decorate the abode, please bring them to school and pop them in the school garden.

